

Legal Blotter

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31st Fighter Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (31 FW/JA)

Courts-Martial

U.S. v. SSgt: A Staff Sergeant was charged with possession with intent to use Coricidin and use of Coricidin in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, and possession with intent to distribute marijuana, use of marijuana, and distributing marijuana in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. A judge found the SSgt guilty of these offenses and sentenced the SSgt to 5 months confinement, to forfeit \$1000 pay per month for six months, and to be reduced to the grade of E-3.

U.S. v. Amn: An Airman was charged with sleeping on post in violation of Article 113, Uniform Code of Military Justice, breach of peace in violation of Article 116, UCMJ, aggravated sexual assault and indecent conduct in violation of Article 120, UCMJ, two specifications of assault consummated by a battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ, and drunk and disorderly in violation of Article 134, UCMJ. A panel of officer and enlisted members found the Amn guilty of these offenses and sentenced the Amn to 3 years confinement, to be reduced to the grade of E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, and to be dishonorably discharged.

U.S. v. AB: An Airman Basic was charged with aggravated sexual assault in violation of Article 120, UCMJ, sodomy in violation of Article 125, UCMJ, and assault consummated by a battery in violation of Article 128, UCMJ. A panel of officer and enlisted members found the AB not guilty of the offenses.

Article 15 Actions (Non-Judicial Punishment)

A Master Sergeant assigned to the 31st Fighter Wing received a suspended reduction in rank to E-6, forfeiture of \$380.40 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, adultery.

A Technical Sergeant assigned to the 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron received a suspended reduction in rank to E-5, forfeiture of \$870 pay, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 86, AWOL for less than 3 days.

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction in rank to E-4, suspended forfeiture of \$1201 pay, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty.

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the 731st Munitions Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-4, suspended forfeiture of \$1201 pay, 17 days extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 111, drunk driving.

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the 31st Civil Engineering Squadron received a suspended reduction in rank to E-4, suspended forfeiture of \$1201 pay per month for two months, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty.

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction in rank to E-4, forfeiture of \$1152 pay, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty, and one violation of Article 107, false official statement.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction in rank to E-3, suspended forfeiture of \$1007 pay, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 92, dereliction of duty.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron received a reduction in rank to E-2 and a reprimand for one violation of Article 86, failure to go, one violation of Article 107, false official statement, and one violation of Article 108, damaging military property.

Involuntary Discharges

A Staff Sergeant assigned to the 31st Maintenance Squadron received an Honorable Discharge for fitness failures.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an Honorable Discharge for conditions that interfere with military service.

A Senior Airman assigned to the 603rd Air Control Squadron received a General Discharge for drug abuse.

An Airman First Class assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received an Honorable Discharge for conditions that interfere with military service.

An Airman assigned to the 31st Security Forces Squadron received a General Discharge for drug abuse.

From the 31st Fighter Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. Every case is unique and is evaluated independently. The Manual for Courts-Martial reminds us that military law promotes justice, assists in the maintenance of good order and discipline in the armed forces, promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the military establishment, and strengthens the national security of the United States.